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- 25X1 1. The highest Soviet Air Command in Germany is the 24th Air Army (formerly called the 16th) with headquarters in Werder. It is divided into three corps as follows:
- 25X1 2. The Third Bomber Corps (this is its old designation; it probably has a new number) with headquarters formerly at Finow but now at Finsterwalde. It is probably composed of two air divisions. The division designated either 65 or 95 has two regiments in Finsterwalde and a third in Cottbus. There are bomber elements present in Grossenhain, but there are no heavy bombers present in Germany. The main type here is Petlyakov commonly called Peshka (Pe).
3. The Sixth Fighter Corps (probably has a new designation) with headquarters at Kyritz. It is composed of two or three divisions. The units were recently shifted around, but the bases have remained the same. There is one division at Wittstock, probably one division at Stendal, and possibly one at Altenburg. Probably one regiment and one battalion are at Perleberg.
4. The 75th Ground Attack Corps, formerly called the sixth. Headquarters and the Third Division are at Falkensee. Two regiments of the 200 GA Division (formerly the eleventh) are located in Elstal; one of these is the 830 GA Regiment, serviced by the 459 Avio Technical Battalion, APO 42114. Each regiment at Elstal has about 50 planes, mainly IL 10's with some IL 9's. Extra IL 2's are used for instruction. Fuel for Elstal comes from Velten and repair work on Elstal planes is done in Altes Lager rembaza where the Technical Division services U 2's*, IL 9's, IL 10's, and Yak 9's. The rembaza (repair base) complement formerly located in Altes Lager has been transferred to the vicinity of Dresden. An unidentified GA Regiment is at Schoenwalde. A high security outfit specializing in aerial photography (Dalno Razvedivatelny Polk) is also stationed in an enclosed compound at Schoenwalde.
5. The 95th Avio Technical Division at Wittstock (see para. 3) services fighters and takes orders directly from the 24th Air Army rather than from the Fighter Corps. The First separate (Otdelnaya) Avio Technical Division, located near Strausberg, services all planes and likewise takes orders from the Air Army.
6. One regiment of fighters, type unknown, is at Stendal and another at Falkenberg. The field at Finow is being converted for exclusive jet use.

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7. A Transportny Polk (a transport regiment²⁰) is based at Strausberg and uses Douglas Transports.
8. The Werneuchen field is still in use.
9. The longest Cottbus runway (see para. 2) was lengthened in May 1949 from 1000 to 1200 meters (approximate), and the others from 700 meters to 1200 meters.
10. The longest runway at Altes Lager has been extended to 1500 meters, probably during 1948.
11. The biggest troop concentrations known to source are at Elstal and Altes Lager. These include air and armor.

25X1 * Comment: The U 2 is now designated as the PO 2.

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